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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION: GOLAN FRONT DISENGAGEMENT; OIL EMBARGO

1. PRES NIXON'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL MAKE ANOTHER TRIP TO MIDEAST SUBJ OF EDITORIAL COMMENT IN LEADING INDEPENDENT ARABIC AN-NAHAR, WHICH WRITES: "IT IS HOPED THAT AMERICAN SECSTATE WILL SUCCEED THIS TIME...AND OBTAIN FOR SYRIA, WHAT IT, PALESTINIANS, AND ARABS WANT -- WITHDRAWAL TO QUNAITRA IN PRACTICE AND AGREEMENT ON COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL IN PRINCIPLE. THIS IS HARD, BUT NOTHING IS HARD FOR AMERICA WITH REGARD TO ISRAEL. IT CAN BE SAID THAT WASHINGTON TALKS, IN WHICH SYRIA PARTICIPATED AND FROM WHICH ISRAEL WAS NOT FAR REMOVED, ENCOURAGED AMERICAN PRES AND HIS SECRETARY TO TRY ONCE MORE. BUT WHAT PROBABLY ENCOURAGED THEM MORE IS WHAT --- SAQQAF AND FAHMI CONVEYED FROM ALGIERS MINI-SUMMIT, ESPECIALLY ON OIL EMBARGO. WILL IT BE LIFTED? BEFORE, DURING, OR AFTER KISSINGER'S VISIT? WILL IT BE UNCLASSIFIED

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LIFTED GRADUALLY? THIS IS THE SECRET OF SECRETS. BUT IT IS

CLEAR THAT ARAB SIDE SUCCEEDED IN ARRANGING DR KISSINGER'S COMING TRIP WITHOUT ANY PRIOR PLEDGE TO LIFT EMBARGO... AGREEMENT WITH SYRIA MEANS IMPLICIT UNDERSTANDING WITH PALESTINIANS, FOR DAMASCUS DOES NOT DISTINGUISH SUBJ OF SEPARATION OF FORCES FROM RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS. FOR THIS REASON, IT IS NOT UNLIKELY THAT DR KISSINGER IS COMING TO AREA WITH 'CERTAIN CONCEPT' OF RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS... ONCE AGAIN, PEACE TRAIN RESUMES ITS JOURNEY... PERHAPS PERIOD OF PAUSE MAY HAVE HELPED AMERICA REALIZE DEGREE OF ARABS' ATTACHMENT TO U S ROLE, FACT THAT THEY ARE NOT SEEKING THE IMPOSSIBLE, AND FACT THAT OIL CUTOFF IS BUT A MEANS OF ATTAINING A RIGHT, NOT POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC BLACK MAIL."

2. LEADING LEFTIST PRO-FEDAYEEN AL-MUHARRIR WRITES: "ARAB AND MUSLIM KINGS AND PRESIDENTS MUST REALIZE THAT ... 'GOOD WINDS' WHICH HAVE BEGUN TO BLOW FROM WASHINGTON MAY IN REALITY AND IN FACT BE A STORM OR POISONED WINDS MEANT TO DESTROY ISLAMIC SUMMIT CONF... WE DO NOT BELIEVE REPORTS THAT DR. HENRY KISSINGER... INFORMED MR ISMAIL FAHMI...AND MR UMAR SAQQAF...THAT HIS GOVT IS DETERMINED TO SETTLE MIDEAST CRISIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH S C RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES."

3. INDEPENDENT LISAN AL-HAL WRITES: "HE WHO THINKS THAT TWO MINISTERS OR ARAB SUMMIT DECIDED TO LIFT EMBARGO JUST LIKE THAT WITHOUT ANY RECOMPENSE IS MISTAKEN. IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN NOW THAT FAHMI AND SAQQAF CARRIED QUESTIONS ABOUT DISENGAGEMENT OPERATION AND COMING PHASES OF PEACE CONF TO KISSINGER FROM SUMMIT CONF. UPON KISSINGER'S ANSWERS DEPENDED FATE OF OIL EMBARGO. IT APPEARS TWO MINISTERS WERE AUTHORIZED TO STUDY DISENGAGEMENT MATTERS WITH AMERICAN SECRETARY. IF HIS ANSWERS REGARDING THESE MATTERS WERE POSITIVE, REACTIONS OF TWO MINISTERS WOULD BE POSITIVE. IT CAN THUS BE SAID THAT U S, IN PERSON OF KISSINGER, HAS SACCEPTED SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT PLAN AND, BEYOND THAT, EMPHASIZED TO TWO MINISTERS ITS INTEREST IN ACHIEVING SETTLEMENT AT GENEVA CONF. THEREFORE, TWO MINISTERS... AND SYRIA'S REP FOUND THEMSELVES IN POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE AND DECIDED TO INFORM AMERICA OF UNCLASSIFIED

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ARABS' DESIRE TO LIGHTEN EMBARGO GRADUALLY AND HAVE IT DISAPPEAR COMPLETELY AFTER OFFICIAL DISENGAGEMENT WITH SYRIA." HOUGHTO  
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